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Please amend the claims as follows:

1.-42. (canceled)

43. (currently amended) An electric storage ~~battery~~ battery, comprising:

~~a an electrically conductive case sealed by a first end cap and a second end cap~~  
~~caps;~~

an electrically conductive terminal pin extending through the said first end cap  
and electrically insulated from the said case;

an electrode assembly disposed within the said case, the electrode assembly  
includes an electrode in electrical communication with the pin and an electrode  
electrically insulated from the pin and comprising first and second opposite polarity  
electrodes separated by separators wherein said first electrode is electrically coupled to  
said pin;

a flexible conductive tab electrically coupled to the said second electrode, the tab  
extending from a location adjacent to the case past a center point of the second cap to a  
second location where the tab is electrically connected to the second end cap proximate a  
first location at the seal formed between said second end cap and said case, wherein said  
second end cap has a center and wherein said second end cap has a width from said first  
location to a second location at the seal formed between said second end cap and said  
case measured along a line through said center, and said tab electrically connected to said  
second end cap at a third location between said second location and said center of said  
second end cap.

44. (currently amended) The battery of ~~claim 43~~ claim 43, wherein the said case has no  
separate excludes a fill hole.

45. (currently amended) The battery of ~~claim 43~~ claim 43, wherein a weld connects a  
flat portion of the tab to said second end cap is welded to the tab flat against an inner face  
of the said second end cap.

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46.-65. (canceled)

66. (new) The battery of claim 43, wherein the tab is not connected to the second end cap continuously over a distance extending from the first location to the second location.

67. (new) The battery of claim 43, wherein the portion of the second end cap adjacent to the tab has a radius and the tab is positioned adjacent to the second end cap without being connected to the second end cap for a distance that is longer than the radius.

68. (new) The battery of claim 43, wherein the electrodes are electrode strips wound around the pin so as to form a spiral role on the pin.

69. (new) The battery of claim 68, wherein the spiral role includes at least one separator separating the electrodes.

70. (new) The battery of claim 68, wherein the electrode assembly includes a mandrel mounted on the pin such that the electrodes are wound around the pin and the mandrel.

71. (new) The battery of claim 70, wherein the mandrel includes a longitudinal slot; and wherein  
the electrode in electrical communication with the pin extends through the mandrel slot.

72. (new) The battery of claim 70, wherein the mandrel has a channel through which electrolyte can be injected.

73. (new) The battery of claim 70, wherein a portion of the electrode in electrical communication with the pin is positioned between the mandrel and the pin.

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74. (new) The battery of claim 70, wherein the electrode in electrical communication with the pin includes active material positioned on a substrate, the substrate being positioned between the mandrel and the pin without the active material being positioned between the mandrel and the pin.

75. (new) The battery of claim 70, wherein a weld attaches the mandrel to the pin.

76. (new) The battery of claim 70, wherein the mandrel includes titanium or an alloy of titanium.

77. (new) The battery of claim 70, wherein the mandrel is crimped to the pin.

78. (new) The battery of claim 70, wherein the mandrel includes a tube.

79. (new) The battery of claim 70, wherein the pin is positioned in an interior of the tube.

80. (new) The battery of claim 70, wherein the mandrel has a c-shaped cross-section.

81. (new) The battery of claim 70, wherein the mandrel is fitted around the pin such that the electrodes are wound around the pin and the mandrel.

82. (new) The battery of claim 70, wherein the mandrel is a reinforcing mandrel.

83. (new) The battery of claim 43, wherein at least one weld directly connects the electrode that is in electrical communication with the pin to the pin.

84. (new) The battery of claim 43, wherein the pin includes of an alloy of PtIr.

85. (new) The battery of claim 43, wherein the first end cap includes  
an electrical insulator,

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the pin extends through the electrical insulator, and  
the pin is hermetically sealed to the electrical insulator.

86. (new) The battery of claim 43, wherein the case is electrically conducting.